# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel. State Engineer

Plaintiff.

VS.

ROMAN ARAGON, et al.,

Defendants.

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RIO CHAMA STREAM SYSTEM Section 7: Village of Chama

Subfile No. CHCV-005-0005

# CONSENT ORDER

The Court, having considered the agreement between the Plaintiff State of New Mexico, ex rel. State Engineer ("State") and Defendant:

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concerning the Defendant's right to use the public waters of the Rio Chama Stream System, as set forth below finds:

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this suit.
- 2. The State of New Mexico and the above-named Defendant are in agreement concerning certain elements of Defendant's right to divert and use the public waters of the Rio Chama Stream System, Village of Chama, Section 7, Subfile No. CHCV-005-0005, and by their signatures appearing below, the State and the Defendants have approved and accepted the elements of Defendant's water rights as set forth in paragraph 4 herein.



- 3. There is no just reason for delay for the entry of a final judgment as to elements of the claims of the Defendant adjudicated by this order.
- 4. The agreed upon elements of the right of the Defendant to divert and use the public waters from the Rio Chama Stream System. Village of Chama, Section 7, Subfile CHCV-005-0005, are set forth below:

# A. IRRIGATED LANDS (Surface Water Only):

Office of the State Engineer Files No(s): 0434 and 0434-B

**Priority:** August 1, 1902

Source of Water: Surface water of Little Willow Creek, a tributary of the Rio

Chama.

**Purpose of Use:** IRRIGATION

Point of Diversion:

Ditch: LITTLE WILLOW CREEK SOUTH DITCH

**Location:** X = 1,552,764 feet Y = 2,144,172 feet

New Mexico State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, NAD 1983

# Location and Amount of Irrigated Acreage:

Within the Tierra Amarilla Grant

9.0 acres

Total 9.0 acres

As shown on the 2003 Hydrographic Survey Map CHCV-5

Amount of Water: Reserved for future determination by court order entered

November 19, 2002.

### B. NO RIGHT (Surface Water):

Office of the State Engineer Files No(s): NONE

Priority: NONE

Source of Water: Surface water of Little Willow Creek, a tributary of the Rio

Chama.

Purpose of Use: NO RIGHT

Point of Diversion:

**Ditch:** LITTLE WILLOW CREEK SOUTH DITCH **Location:** X= 1.552.764 feet Y= 2.144.172 feet

New Mexico State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, NAD 1983

Location and Amount of acreage:

Within the Tierra Amarilla Grant

<u>138.2 acres</u> Total <u>138.2 acres</u>

As shown on the 2003 Hydrographic Survey Map CHCV-5

Amount of Water: NONE

C. NO RIGHT (Groundwater):

Office of the State Engineer Files No(s): NONE

Priority: NONE

Source of Water: Underground waters of the Rio Chama Stream System and Rio

Grande Underground Water Basin

**Purpose of Use:** NO RIGHT

Point of Diversion:

Well: VAUGHN WELL NO. 1

**Location:** X = 1,554,039 feet Y = 2.143,216 feet

New Mexico State Plane Coordinate System. Central Zone, NAD 1983

Location and Amount of acreage:

Within the Tierra Amarilla Grant

<u>130.8 acres</u>

Total 130.8 acres

As shown on the 2003 Hydrographic Survey Map CHCV-5

Amount of Water: NONE

# D. IRRIGATED LANDS (Groundwater Only):

Office of the State Engineer Files No(s): NONE

**Priority:** August 14, 1963

**Source of Water:** Underground waters of the Rio Chama Stream System and Rio

Grande Underground Water Basin

**Purpose of Use:** IRRIGATION

Point of Diversion:

Well: VAUGHN WELL NO. 1

**Location:** X = 1.554.039 feet Y = 2,143,216 feet

New Mexico State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, NAD 1983

## Location and Amount of Irrigated Acreage:

Within the Tierra Amarilla Grant

90.8 acres
Total 90.8 acres

As shown on the 2003 Hydrographic Survey Map CHCV-5

Amount of Water: Reserved for future determination by court order entered

November 19, 2002.

5. Defendant has no surface or groundwater rights in the Rio Chama Stream System, Village of Chama, Section 7, under Subfile CHCV-005-0005 other than those set forth in this order and other orders entered by this Court in this cause.

6. The entry of this order shall have no effect upon Defendant's claims or water rights of Defendant associated with unlicensed impoundments or domestic uses of water in

the Rio Chama Stream System, Village of Chama, Section 7. This order is limited to

Defendant's surface and groundwater rights for irrigation in the Rio Chama Stream

System, Village of Chama, Section 7 under Subfile CHCV-005-0005.

7. Defendant, his or her successors, representatives, heirs and assigns, should be enjoined

from any use of the public waters of the Rio Chama Stream System, Village of

Chama, Section 7, except in strict accordance with the water rights described herein

and in other orders of the Court.

8. The water rights described herein are adjudicated subject to the right of any other

water rights claimant with standing to object prior to the entry of a final decree.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the rights of the Defendant to divert and use the waters

of the Rio Chama Stream System, Village of Chama, Section 7, for irrigation under Subfile CHCV-

005-0005, are as set forth herein. The Defendant, his or her successors, representatives, heirs and

assigns, are enjoined from any diversion or use of the public waters of the Rio Chama Stream System.

Village of Chama, Section 7, except in strict accordance with the rights set forth herein or in other

orders of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court enters this Consent Order as a final judgment as

to the elements of the Defendant's water rights set forth herein, subject to the right of other claimants

to file objections to individual adjudication orders, and to the entry of the final decree in this

proceeding.

BRUCF D. BLACK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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SPECIAL MASTER

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